1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Karnataka	32,343	32,382	32,403	32,467	124	0.38
Kerala	10,336	10,336	10,334	10,323	-13	-0.13
Madhya Pradesh*	135,396	135,164	74,760	75,137	377	0.50
Maharashtra	43,859	43,843	46,143	46,672	2,813	6.41
Manipur	17,621	17,558	17,418	17,384	-237	-1.34
Meghalaya	15,769	15,714	15,657	15,633	-136	-0.86
Mizoram	18,697	18,576	18,775	18,338	-359	-1.92
Nagaland	14,348	14,291	14,221	14,164	-184	-1.28
Orissa	47,145	47,107	46,941	47,033	-112	-0.24
Punjab	1,343	1,342	1,387	1,412	69	5.14
Rajasthan	13,099	13,280	13,353	13,871	772	5.89
Sikkim	3,119	3,127	3,129	3,118	-1	-0.03
Tamil Nadu	17,005	17.045	17,064	17,078	73	0.43
Tripura	5,538	5,538	5,546	5,745	207	3.74
Uttaranchal*	—	—	23,243	23,260	17	0.07
Uttar Pradesh*	33,961	33,986	10,751	10,756	5	0.05
West Bengal	8,186	8,276	8,349	8,362	176	2.15
A & N Islands	7,624	7,615	7,613	7,606	-18	-0.24
Chandigarh	5	7	7	7	2	40.00
Dadra & N. Haveli	206	204	204	202	-4	-1.94
Daman & Diu	—	—	3	3	3	
Grand Total	**639,386**	**638,879**	**633,397**	**637,293**	**-2,093**	

* Percentage change in forest cover is of the last two assessments for the States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh due to re-organisation.

Phasing out of waste incineration

1087. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the Sixth Inter Governmental negotiating Committee on the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants was held in Geneva recently;

(b) if so, the details of issues discussed and the outcome thereof;

(c) whether the environmental organisations had protested against the waste incineration systems, urged the respective Governments to put a stop to this practice and move towards sustainable waste management systems;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this matter; and

(e) the steps taken to phase out all forms of waste incineration and promote clean production, zero waste and sustainable discard management systems?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The Sixth Inter governmental Negotiating Committee (INC_6) on the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) was held in Geneva during 17-21 June, 2002. Various issues discussed in the meeting include (i) measures to reduce or eliminate releases of POPs from intentional production and use, (ii) review process for entries in the Register of specific exemptions, (iii) measures to reduce or eliminate releases of POPs from unintentional production, stockpiles, municipal and hazardous wastes, (iv) Role of Global Enrironment Facility on the interim financial mechanism.

(c) Various environmental organisations have voiced concern against waste incineration systems in the context of release of by-products POPs. During the INC-6 meeting, the organisations urged Governments to involve them in enabling activities and the preparation and implementation of National Implementation Plans under the Stockholm Convention.

(d) and (e) The Government has taken several initiatives towards sustainable waste management systems. These include:

(i) Promotion of environmentally sound technologies for cleaner production and waste minimization.

(ii) Emphasis on recycling and reuse of waste.

(iii) Fiscal incentives for adopting clean production/waste minimisation.

(iv) Strengthening of legislative framework of sustainable management of wastes.

(v) Waste minimisation demonstration project under UNIDO assistance for reducing waste in small scale industries.

Protected ridges in Delhi

1088. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the area and location of protected ridges in Delhi;

(b) whether Government have any plan to include more reserved forests in and around Delhi; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The details of the area and location of protected ridges in Delhi are furnished in the Statement enclosed (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Protected Ridges in Delhi

S. No.	Ridge in National Capital Territory of Delhi	Location
1	2	3
1	Northern Ridge sorrounded on	North by Jubliee Hall, Govt. Petrol Pump, Change Masjid, Mall Road.
		South by Crossing of Old G.T. Road and Rani Jhansi Marg, Old Subzi Mandi.
		East by Mall Road, Rajpur Road, Behind MCD Office.
		West by Ice Factory, Malka Ganj, Dhobighat and University Road.